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Dear Friends:

It takes a neighborhood to help build a community. Through my service as your Councilmember in Ward 5, I have seen and helped with many efforts by neighborhoods to build our community.

I want to give a special thanks to several neighborhood members: Willie Blake of Western Hills, James Christopher, Cindy Ayala, Bernice Vanover Willie Bean and Bette Trahan of Pueblo Gardens, Maggie Gerring, Pat Garcia, Sara O'Neil and Shirley Hockett of the South Park, and Charlotte Cruz of Las Vistas/Sunland Gardens for their work on the Bridges Project at Kino and I-10.

These four neighborhoods supported the Cinemark Theatre sign, as well as the theater and other businesses going into the Bridges because they provide the services the surrounding neighborhoods, Ward 5 and the Southside needs. Thanks to my colleagues on the Council, they approved the variance unanimously.

Some people who live nowhere near the Bridges or in the four neighborhoods, had protested the sign variance being sought, made claims about special favors to rich people or the neighborhoods being "bought out."

This was not a special favor for very rich people and not a precedent setting case. The Mayor and Council had voted previously to allow St. Mary's Hospital to place a new cross on its building on September 19, 2012. City code allows for variance requests, with the right of appeal to Mayor and Council. Both St. Mary's Hospital and Cinemark used the same process set out by the City of Tucson, given hearing and consideration by the Mayor and Council. These two decisions by the Mayor and Council are only for the hospital and theatre only.

In the Cinemark case, the Sign Code Advisory Appeals Board had voted 3 to 1 in favor of granting the variance request. Under the city rules though it required a majority, which would have been four of a seven person committee that the Board consists of, but there were three vacancies on the Sign Code Advisory Appeals Board. The one member who voted against could not give reason for why she voted as she did.

During the same hearing, she and the other members of the Board had unanimously approved the request to allow other large signage on the Cinemark Theatre building. St. Mary's Hospital and its cross are taller than the Cinemark Theatre and its spire sign.

For more than the past ten years, the four affected neighborhoods, Pueblo Gardens, Las Vistas, Western Hills and South Park have been working with the developers to turn the Bridges from a dumping site with growing weeds and garbage to the Bridges Project that we have today with all the stores it has and soon with the Cinemark Theatre, Lin's Buffet, Planet Fitness, Dave and Busters and more to follow.

There were no special favors. There was collaboration and hard work to get the South side the stores and job opportunities needed. There were the letters of support submitted to the Sign Code Advisory Appeals Board and for the Mayor and Council. There was the support of the neighborhoods that were at the Sign Code Advisory and Appeals Board hearing and at the Mayor and Council meeting on June 7. The neighbors who were at the Council meeting were asked if they wanted the sign and their response was yes.

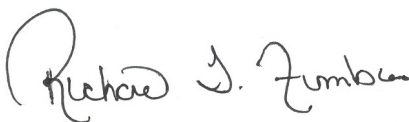
The City relies on sales tax to fund the services the good citizens of Ward 5 and the City of Tucson want: police, fire, streets and parks. The City does not have the luxury the County has with the property tax, which funds their operations. The City needs businesses to be open, creating jobs, generating revenues and sales taxes so that the level of programs and services by police, the fire department, streets and the parks department can be maintained or expanded if sales tax revenues increase.

Thanks to the work so far, the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side continues, with the opening of many stores, such as: Costco, Curacao, the Walmart Supercenter, Purcell Tires, Starbuck's, Culver's, Verizon, AT&T and Sprint at the Bridges, as well as Mattress Firm, Quik Trips, the soon to be open Cinemark Theater, Shared Services Medical, VXi Tucson, APAC Pharmaceuticals, Lin's Buffet, Dave and Buster's and Planet Fitness, naming many examples, as well as the expansion of CAID Industries, Modular Mining, Perfection Industries, Bruker Nano, have added more than 3,000 jobs to our work force.

This year, will be the grand opening of the HomeGoods Distribution Center and Fed-Ex Ground Hub South of Valencia on Alvernon Way. HomeGoods will have 400 people employed this year and additional 510 next year. Fed-Ex Ground are expanding their workforce by 160 to 200 for their new facility.

Your Councilmember and the Ward 5 staff work to bring businesses to Ward 5 for its neighborhoods and the South side because we deserve these opportunities instead of the structural poverty they had faced.

Peace.



Your Ward 5 Councilmember

### Cherrybell Update

Good news, the House Oversight and Government Affairs Committee voted to approve H.R. 5714, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2016.

It is the underlying postal reform measure through which the House and Senate is expected to continue to build consensus support to bring it to the House floor in September. Our Congressional delegation will be offering amendments to further strengthen language dealing with postal consolidation of facilities such as Cherrybell.

Cox Communications has sent a letter to the Postmaster General supporting keeping the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center open and fully functioning. The fight continues.



### Kidz Expo A Success

This past Saturday, July 23, I had the privilege of again being a part of the Kidz Expo 2016 hosted by Arizona Bilingual Newspaper at the El Pueblo Activity Center. This year was once again a success in which more than 4,000 people attended and 1,750 backpacks were given away to under privileged kids in anticipation of the fast approaching school year. In addition, 300 booster seats were given away by Tucson Medical Center.



There were representatives from the Pima County Sheriff's Department, El Consulado de Mexico en Tucson, La Caliente 92.1 y 95.7, the University of Arizona, Jim Click, Univision and many more in attendance to support the effort and provide kids with the materials they need to succeed. With a live band, lots of fun activities and even a dance lesson there was never a dull moment inside the bustling center.

I along with the help of my staff and local Walmart locations, was able to raffle off 10 bicycles and helmets for children that would otherwise not have them. This is one of the things I most enjoy doing as your councilmember, giving back to the community I love. It was also very encouraging to see many other local officials there, giving back to the community they represent. Some of them included State Representative Christopher Ackerley, City Manager Michael Ortega, and Supervisor Richard Elias. Finally, I would like to thank Alma Gallardo of Arizona Bilingual Newspaper for putting together such an incredible event each and every year; Walmart for their generous donation of bicycles and bicycle helmets, my staff, all the volunteers who gave their time to this worthy cause, and to all the sponsors for believing in this expo and all the children who attended, understanding how important an education is to themselves and to their future. I cannot wait for Kidz Expo 2017!





### Altered Tails Grand Opening

On Saturday, July 16, I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting and dedication for the Altered Tails Barnhart Animal Clinic located at 225 East Valencia.

This is the third clinic in Arizona and the Tucson location was opened, thanks to a grant from Pet Smart Charities, to help lower income families who have pets, help reduce the pet population by spaying and neutering families cats and dogs.

Altered Tails goal is to spay/neuter 12,000 animals this year in Pima County. For more information, go online to [alteredtails.org](http://alteredtails.org)



### Welcome Hensley Beverage Company

I want to welcome the Hensley Beverage Company to Ward 5. Hensley had purchased Golden Eagle Distributors that was located at 705 East Ajo Way. I've had the opportunity to meet with Doug Yonko, Vice President of Communications and Hensley looks forward to working with our neighborhoods and our community.

### Welcome Autobahn Indoor Speedway to Ward 5

On Friday, July 9, Autobahn Indoor Speedway opened with much anticipation. The indoor speedway is located at 300 South Toole, located in Ward 5.

There are 44 adult karts, and 11 kids carts that go up to 35 miles per hour. Children must be at least 8 years old to drive.

The races are 14 laps, and an overhead monitor shows the time of each kart. The races are designed to register fastest time, instead of racing others.



Staff will closely monitor drivers and have the ability to shut down a vehicle's motor if a driver is acting erratically or aggressively. Autobahn hired 40 employees. Customers will sign in at an iPad bank and will be required to watch a safety video and listen to a briefing from employees before getting into a kart.

For more info, visit: <http://www.autobahnspeed.com/locations/tucson-arizona-indoor-go-karts>.

### **Santa Rosa Rec Center Holding Back to School Event to Help Neighborhood Children**

The staff of the Santa Rosa Rec Center, located in Ward 5, is holding a special Back to School Event for the local neighborhood children in need on July 30. Congratulations to Carolyn Spickard, and the staff at the Santa Rosa Recreation Center, who went the extra mile to get school supplies donated from businesses and organizations. More than 200 students who will turn out, will get school supplies and other items to help them with the upcoming school year, thanks to the wonderful staff at the Santa Rosa Rec Center.



### **TFD Smoke Alarm Effort A Success**

On Saturday, July 16, Tucson Fire Department, in conjunction with Intuit, went to the Country Club Mobile Home Park, 5600 S. Country Club, in Ward 5 to provide smoke detectors to the homes that may not have them. Funding for the smoke detectors was provided from a federal grant from FEMA.

During the event Tucson Fire Department staff partnered with Intuit employees,

canvassing the neighborhood and installing alarms in homes that need them. During each install, residents will receive educational materials and assistance identifying fire hazards and developing an escape plan.

Here is the breakdown of their work.  
 Number of homes = 50. Entry rate = 22%. Number of occupants = 207.  
 Number of alarms installed = 128. Number of batteries replaced = 7. Number of homes without a single working alarm (prior to visit) = 13 (26%). Number of homes with only 1 working alarm (prior to visit) = 6. It was great to see the work of Tucson Fire and Intuit, helping those in need for smoke detectors for their homes. The Ward 5 office honored the Tucson Fire staff and Intuit employees with Certificates of Appreciation and Ward 5 Medallions of Hope for their work helping our community.



### **Mayor and Council to Consider Bus Rate/Route Changes**

At the August 9 Mayor and Council Regular Agenda meeting, the Mayor and Council will hold a final public hearing and consideration of changes to the transit rates and potential changes for the Sun Tran bus rates. A series of public meetings were conducted. Ward 5 has the most riders and most used routes for the Sun Tran buses and your voices need to be heard. The agenda material will be available online at: [tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs](http://tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs). The Regular Agenda meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Spice: A Burden to Our First Responders**

As many of you may have heard the Tucson Police Department in cooperation with the DEA and ICE raided two smoke shops on the morning of Wednesday July 27th. This raid focused on drug trafficking including spice. This operation should be a warning to other businesses who are selling spice.

Here in Ward 5, I have heard a considerable amount from our first responders about the drug Spice and how it has become a burden to both our Tucson Police and Tucson Fire as they respond to these cases where individuals are found overdosing.

Many of you might be asking, what is Spice? Spice, or synthetic marijuana as it is sometimes known, refers to a variety of herbal mixtures that contain dried, shredded plant material and chemical additives that are meant to produce mind-altering effects. For several years, spice mixtures have been easy to purchase at smoke shops, gas stations, and through the Internet.

It is often sold as incense that resembles potpourri and labeled “not for human consumption.” The United States Drug Enforcement Administration has attempted to limit the sale of spice by banning the most common active chemicals found in the drug; however, manufacturers of spice evade these restrictions by substituting different chemicals into their mixtures, resulting in an ever-changing chemical composition of the drug and unpredictable effects for users.

What are its effects? Spice is primarily abused by smoking. Spice users often report experiences of elevated mood, relaxation, and altered perception. Some users also report psychotic effects like extreme anxiety, paranoia and hallucinations. Other commonly reported effects can include rapid heart rate, high blood pressure, vomiting, agitation, confusion, and hallucinations. Because the chemical composition of spice can differ greatly from product to product, the effects of the drug are often unpredictable. Currently, the effects of long-term spice use on human health is unknown. People in Tucson have been using spice for a number of years. However, little is known about who uses spice, how many people use it, or how often it causes severe adverse reactions. In April 2015, the Tucson Police and Fire Departments began reporting a substantial increase in the number of spice-related incidents they were handling. The Pima County Health Department has collected and analyzed spice related incident data and found:

From April to August of 2015, the City of Tucson and the City of South Tucson Police and Fire Departments responded to a combined 675 spice-related incidents.

Approximately 80% of the people experiencing a spice-related overdose or adverse reaction were males. Additionally, most (~66%) were between the ages of 19-35 and less than 10% were under the age of 19.

A majority of the responses by the City of Tucson Police and Fire Departments were downtown at or near the Ronstadt Transit Center or at the Laos Transit Center in Ward 5. Almost all of the responses by the City of South Tucson Police and Fire Departments were near the intersection of 6th Avenue and 29th Street.

While use of spice in our community is a problem that deserves attention, it is important to understand that adverse reactions due to spice occur much less frequently than adverse reactions to some other commonly used legal and illegal drugs. For instance, in 2014 alone, there were a combined 10,000 emergency department visits and hospitalizations related to opiates, amphetamines and cocaine. Additionally, in 2015, there were 2 recorded overdose deaths directly related to Spice that were reported by the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office. By comparison, Opiate drugs (heroin, oxycodone, methadone, hydrocodone, morphine, oxymorphone, hydromorphone, tramadol, opiate unspecified) and fentanyl (a synthetic opioid narcotic) accounted for the majority of overdose deaths at 277.

Councilmember Steve Kozachik, Regina Romero and I have scheduled an agenda item for the September 7 Mayor and Council meeting to bring forward a measure to give police the ability to stop the sale of Spice and Spice related products. Some of the chemical elements contained in such products are presently illegal but manufacturers continually dodge laws by changing some of the chemical components and continuing to sell these harmful drugs.

#### **Opioids: A Growing Epidemic**

As mentioned in the previous story, opiate drug overdoses have become an increasingly concerning issue in our community.

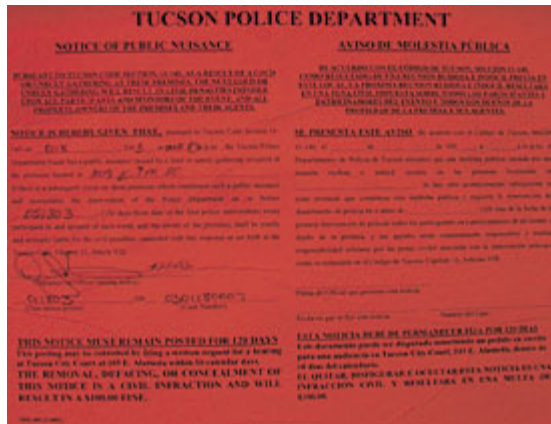
Information provided by the Pima County Medical Examiner has shown a steady increase in these deaths over the years. From prescription drug misuse and abuse to injection heroin users, opiates have shown to have no boundaries, affecting teens to our senior populations.

A tremendous amount of work and resources however, are beginning to present themselves. On the national level, the U.S. Congress recently passed a landmark bill to provide resources to the states to help combat this growing epidemic and more locally, the Arizona Department of Health Services has been working with counties to address this issue through monetary resources and the use of the Rx360 Tool Kit.

The Rx360 Tool Kit employs a 5 strategy approach to specifically address prescription drug misuse and abuse and already a number community coalitions have begun working to implement it across our community.

In addition to these efforts, the Tucson Police Department has taken lead in training their patrol officers to carry naloxone. Naloxone blocks or reverses the effects of opioids in cases of overdose. This includes extreme drowsiness, slowed breathing, or loss of consciousness.

It can be administered in various forms, but is most commonly administered by way of a nasal spray. It is very easy to administer and there is little to no risk for the individual receiving it. With our emergency personnel carrying this on their person at all times, we hope to see a reduction in the number of overdose deaths that have been occurring in Tucson.



### Red Tag Update

As the school year approaches we are happy to welcome our university students back to school. However, one of the common problems we see is an increase in unruly gatherings.

Unruly Gatherings typically lead to a "red tag" which is posted notice that an unruly gathering occurred on a property. The "red tag" states that if another unruly gathering occurs within 180 that fines will be given in amounts of \$500-\$1500.

That being said we want neighborhoods to work closely with the University of Arizona (UofA) to prevent these events from being a regular occurrence. Every U of A student signs a code of conduct that applies both on and off campus. We want you to have the following numbers in case your neighborhood is having issues with unruly gatherings. UAPD Non-Emergency Line 520-621-8273, UofA Neighborhood Hotline 520-282-3649, UofA Dean of Students 520-621-7057, TPD Red Tag Unit 520-837-7318, U of A Community Relations 520-621-4608.

The Mayor and Council will have a follow up to their discussion on the Red Tag and Group Dwelling ordinances at their August 9 meeting. For more information, go online to: [tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs](http://tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs).



### Sixteenth Annual Ward 4 Back to School Bash

Congratulations to Ward 4 Councilmember Shirley Scott and her staff for their successful, 16th Annual Ward 4 Back to School Bash, held Saturday, July 16, at the Clements Center, 8155 East Pionciana Drive.

Thousands of school kids and their families received a great breakfast and the kids received school supplies provided by the various businesses and organizations that donated them for the event.



### Eighth Annual Feria de la Lectura

Celebrate Literacy at the El Pueblo Activity Center, 101 W. Irvington Road. Ward 1 Council Member Regina Romero will be hosting the 8th annual Feria de la Lectura on Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m.-noon. Enjoy story time, family literacy activities, crafts, free haircuts, and literacy activities. The family friendly event features free school supplies, backpacks, bike helmets, and more (while supplies last).



### Roadrunners Coach Looking Forward to New Hockey Team

In his first meeting with the Tucson media, Tucson Roadrunners Coach Mark Lamb said it will take a lot of hard work getting the new American Hockey League (AHL) team up and running, but he's ready for the challenge. Lamb, a 51-year-old Canadian, played professional hockey for 20 years, including stints in the National Hockey League (NHL), spending time with the Calgary Flames, Detroit Red Wings, Edmonton Oilers, Ottawa Senators, Philadelphia Flyers and Montreal Canadiens. The Roadrunners will open their season with a Red and White scrimmage at the Tucson Convention Center (TCC) on Oct. 9 at 1 p.m., and the

season officially will begin at the TCC on Oct. 28. The AHL's regular season schedule will be released next month. For ticket information, please follow the link below, call 866-415-4695, or email [ahl-hockey@arizonacoyotes.com](mailto:ahl-hockey@arizonacoyotes.com).

### Public Comments Sought on Bike Boulevard Master Plan

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) recently completed a draft Bicycle Boulevard Master Plan, and the public is invited to review and comment on the plan linked below. Bicycle boulevards are residential streets designed to prioritize bicycling and enhance conditions for walking. Bicycle boulevards support several community values, including improving the health of Tucsonans, promoting safer streets, stimulating the economy, and enhancing the Sonoran Desert environment. TDOT has identified a network of 193 miles of future bicycle boulevards along 64 corridors that improve connectivity to schools, parks, libraries, stores, and other key destinations. The public can review and comment on the draft plan during an open house on Thursday, Aug. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 E. 1st St.

Bicycle Boulevard Master Plan (draft): <http://bit.ly/29JzR6p>

Bicycle Boulevard background information and link to comment form: <http://bit.ly/29ROgZt>

### City Can Help with Your Neighborhood Cleanup

If you and your neighbors would like to clean up your neighborhood, Tucson's Environmental Services department (ES) can help. ES will provide roll-off dumpsters and haul away debris at no charge. To participate in this program, your association or group must be an ES customer, have 10 or more people helping, or be part of an incorporated homeowners association. Please provide two weeks notice in your request. For more information and a link to the request form, please follow the link below.



From Environmental Services: <http://1.usa.gov/1Slpfr3>

# Summer Safety

## **Summer Safety Tips**

It is important that we all do our part to ensure that we stay safe during our hot months. There are some common sense approaches to avoid dangerous situations with Arizona's extreme outdoor temperatures. Plan errands and recreational activities for the early morning and evening. Avoid being outside from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun is the hottest. Teach your children to wear shoes outside. The concrete can be hot enough to cause second-degree burns. Check the temperature of buckles and car seats — they can reach the temperature of a hot skillet. Park in covered parking or under shade whenever possible.

Keep water with you. Pack extra bottles in the car in case of an emergency. Wear sunscreen. Make sunscreen part of your morning routine. Heat cramps, exhaustion and even heat stroke are not uncommon in Arizona.

Symptoms of a heat-related illness can include: muscle spasms or cramps, cold sweat, extreme fatigue, flushed cheeks, nausea, headache, upset stomach or vomiting, and dizziness, hot, dry red skin, dizziness and confusion, rapid weak pulse and rapid shallow breathing.

**Water Safety** - Pools and lakes fill up during the summer months, not just with water, but with people. The combination can be deadly if you don't take precautions. Stay safe around water by:

Remembering that two seconds is too long to divert your attention from a child in or around water. Constantly supervising children.

Assign a designated child watcher and schedule 30-minute increments in which one adult is on duty. Make sure everyone knows who is responsible for watching kids around the pool.

Learning CPR. Take CPR training. Post CPR steps on the refrigerator as a reminder. Having non-swimmers wear personal flotation devices.

Installing a secured barrier around your pool. The Arizona Legislature requires that pool fences be at least five feet high.

Learn more about Arizona pool fence regulations at [www.azleg.state.az.us](http://www.azleg.state.az.us). Having a telephone outside by the pool. Forbidding running around the pool.



### Motorcycle Safety Awareness

We have seen an increase of motorcycle accidents and injuries recently in our city. We need to safely "share the road" with motorcycles and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe. Though a motorcycle is a small vehicle, its operator still has all the rights of the road as any other motorist. Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times. Always signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.

If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, be careful: motorcycle signals are often non-canceling and could have been forgotten. Always ensure that the motorcycle is turning before proceeding. Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections. Always allow more follow distance – three to four seconds – when behind a motorcycle. This gives them more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. Never drive distracted or impaired.

### 'Fight The Bite' During the Monsoon

Tucson Water is a partner with the Pima County Health Department in local "Fight the Bite" efforts to protect residents from viruses such as West Nile and Zika. Both can be transmitted to humans through bites of infected mosquitoes. The best way to avoid contracting a virus is to prevent mosquitoes from breeding by eliminating standing water in pots, dog bowls, and wherever else water can collect. To avoid being bitten, health officials say to limit your time outdoors from dusk until dawn, wear long-sleeve shirts and pants with light colors, and use mosquito repellents that contain DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. In addition to a mosquito abatement program at Tucson Water's Sweetwater Wetlands, monthly monitoring of adult mosquito populations also takes place at the utility's two facilities in Avra Valley.

Tucson Water "Fight the Bite:" <http://1.usa.gov/298bRZi>

Pima County Health Department: <http://1.usa.gov/295agTJ>

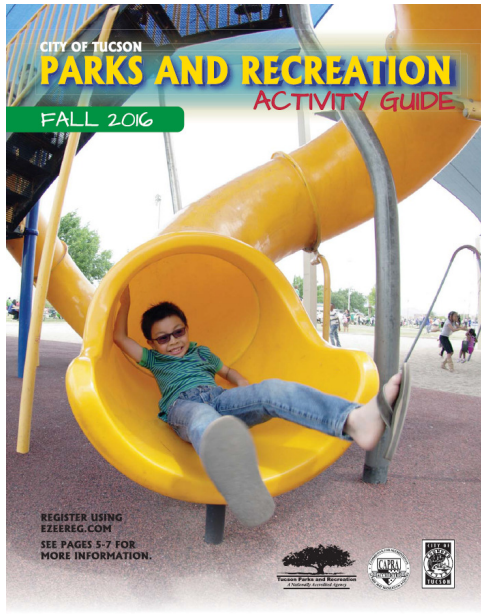
### Send Kids Back to School with Up-To-Date Vaccinations

With summer vacation for students nearing an end, the Pima County Health Department is encouraging parents to immunize their children now. Health Department clinics provide free immunizations for kids every Monday through Friday. Appointments are available, but walk-ins also are accepted. Follow the link below to find clinic locations and contact information.



Immunization information: <http://1.usa.gov/1Ct1hoe>

Pima County Health Department: <http://1.usa.gov/1Nx15eS>

**Parks and Recreation Fall Activity Guide Available Now**

Tucson Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for fall 2016 is available online at the link below and at all Parks and Recreation facilities, including administration offices, recreation centers, pools, and many local libraries.

The Activity Guide contains information on leisure classes, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports programs, registration, and the Discount Program. For questions, please call Registration Services at (520) 791-4877.

View guide and register for classes: <http://bit.ly/1u7q4db>  
Tucson Parks and Recreation: <http://1.usa.gov/1ua6RJt>

**Fall KIDCO and Leisure Class Registration Now Open!**

Tucson Parks and Recreation KIDCO and leisure class registration have opened for city residents and non-city residents.

The fall Activity Guide is available online at the link below and at all Parks and Recreation facilities, including administration offices, recreation centers, pools, and many local libraries. The Activity Guide contains information on leisure classes, KIDCO, aquatics, sports programs, registration, and the Discount Program. For questions, please call Registration Services at (520) 791-4877.

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**Tucson MVD Offices Open Earlier**

Arizona's Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) is in the midst of a pilot program to test whether opening offices earlier will cut down on wait times. The three MVD offices in Tucson are now open at 7:30 a.m., a half-hour earlier than normal. MVD will be monitoring the effectiveness of the experiment for the rest of the summer, but it says wait times have declined at the center at South Broadmont Drive. Other efforts to reduce wait times include printing temporary credentials at customer service windows instead of sending customers to a separate line, and those who need to retake the driving test now go directly to the testing area instead of first waiting in line.

MVD: <http://bit.ly/29C6tNH>

### City Awarded Grant to Address Lead Paint in Certain Homes

The City of Tucson is getting a \$2.9 million federal grant to help an estimated 180 low-income homeowners with children under the age of six abate lead paint hazards from their homes built before 1978. The grant comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. The City of Tucson Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will implement the three-year program with a number of community partners. Details are still being worked out as to how eligible homeowners can apply for the grant money.

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) reports 70 percent of Tucson is within high risk zip codes where children should be screened for lead poisoning. For general information about the grant, please contact Program Director Ray Quihuis at (520) 837-5336 or [Ray.Quihuis@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Ray.Quihuis@tucsonaz.gov)



### Happy Birthday Sun Link

The Sun Link Tucson streetcar officially celebrated its second anniversary on July 26. The streetcar system has served more than 2 million passengers since it began service.

Connecting five districts in the heart of Tucson, the streetcar system has been widely embraced by locals, students, and visitor to the region. It has also become an important component in revitalization of downtown.



### Thank You Jacquelyn Meza

July 8 was intern Jacquelyn Meza's last day as an intern at the Ward 5 Council Office.

Jacquelyn or Jacqui, interned through the Tucson Youth Development program. She was a key in the Arizona Bilingual Job Day Shadow Program at Ward 5, as well as working with Rodrigo Guerrero on Certificates of Appreciation, updating the Ward 5 address lists, helping constituents who came into the office to name a couple of her many accomplishments.

Jacquelyn is beginning her junior year of High School and we wish her the best in her academic endeavors and thank her for a job well done.

### City of Tucson Pools Offered Free Swimming

Through the end of the Summer Season (Wednesday, August 3), kids under the age of 17 can swim at the City of Tucson's 18 pools that are currently open. This was done through the direction of Tucson City Manager Michael Ortega, for which I want to thank for this, giving those kids in need a chance to swim during the Summer.

## Frequently Used Phone Numbers

### **Emergency Services**

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department  
DIAL 911

### **Permits**

Planning and Development Services Department  
791-5550

### **Housing Assistance**

City of Tucson Community Services Department  
791-4739

### **Tucson Convention Center**

791-4101

### **Code Enforcement & Graffiti Removal**

792-CITY (2489)

### **Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services**

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department  
791-3171

### **Transportation & Street Maintenance**

Tucson Department of Transportation  
791-3154

### **Tucson Water Department**

Billing - 791-3242  
Public Information - 791-4331

### **Park Tucson**

791-5071

### **Pima Animal Care**

243-5900



Community Food Bank

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